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Thursday the 15th August, 1940/31st Karkadakam, 1115.

The Sri Chitra State Council met in the Legislative Chamber at 11 of the clock with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar K. C. I. E., LL. D., Dewan-President in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls :

1. Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction.*)
2. Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar (*Chief Engineer*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Illicit distilling of Arrack.

54. ✱ **Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table :

(*a*) the range-war and date-war accounts of 1112 and 1113 of the cases detected in connection with illicit tapping of Palmyra, illicit distilling of arrack and unauthorised sales and of the amounts realised by way of fines and tree tax ; and

(*b*) the number of cases of illicit tapping detected in 1114 in the above ranges, the amount realised on account of all the above cases as well as the amounts realised by way of tree tax and showing further whether the above amounts are greater or less than the amounts realised in previous years ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Sir, with respect to the answer furnished to this question, I wish to suggest that if questions could elicit only such answers it would be better to disallow those questions. Would not that procedure be better than furnishing such answers ?

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Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. No member is entitled to question the ruling of the Chair in regard to the admission of questions.....

President : I oppose the objection. There is a further point : it is in order to prevent similar questions being put in future that the answers are worded like that.

Road leading from the 74th mile stone of the M. C. Road.

55. ✻ **Mr. Kalloor Narayana Pillai** (*Mavelikara and Thiruvalla* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the road leading from the 74th mile stone of the M. C. road to the western gopuram of the Chengannur Mahadevar temple is maintained by the P. W. Department ;

(*b*) if not until what year it was maintained by the P. W. Department ;

(*c*) what is the distance of that road from M. C. road to the temple gopuram ;

(*d*) what is the width of the present road ;

(*e*) whether the sand kept inside the temple compound has been removed from there and kept in certain part of this road ; and

(*f*) whether the sand so kept will be taken by water to the paddy lands lying east of this road during heavy rains ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar (*Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) 1320 feet.

(*d*) 20 feet on the average.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

Irrigation tanks in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad.

56. ✻ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of irrigation tanks now existing in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad and the total extent of land served by those tanks ;

(*b*) the total number of irrigation tanks which are under actual use and the number lying unused ; and

(*c*) if there are unused tanks ;

(i) what are the reasons for the non-user,

(ii) how long is it since such tanks lie in such unused condition,

(iii) what will be the extent of land that could be irrigated if such tanks are renovated,

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